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Wednesday - 28 April 1971

25X1A 1. [] Mr. Cord Meyer, ADDP, and I joined Mr. David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and Richard T. Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, in meeting with House Speaker Carl Albert regarding proposed legislation for the funding of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Mr. Abshire explained the problem and the Speaker seemed completely sympathetic. He noted the danger that amendments from the floor might complicate the problem, and recommended that attempts be made to get the legislation on the Consent Calendar or that a "closed rule" be obtained. He indicated either course would have his support.

25X1A 2. ([]) Mr. Meyer and I then met with Senator Milton Young to inform him of our plans regarding legislation for the funding of the Radios and seek his cooperation. He said such legislation would probably come before Senator McClellan's Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce and Judiciary of the Senate Appropriations Committee, in which case he thought we could expect a sympathetic hearing.

25X1A 3. [] Made an appointment to meet with Senator George McGovern on Thursday, 29 April, to respond orally to his letter to the Director inquiring about Agency involvement in Southeast Asian drug traffic.

25X1A 4. [] Scott Cohen, in the office of Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), called and asked if we could arrange a personnel interview

25X1A 5. [] Mrs. Dora McCracken, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, called to say that one of their members had asked the staff to pull together information on the CIA budget or anything else available on intelligence organizations. I told Mrs. McCracken information on the Agency budget was classified and I said I would send her copies of our Agency pamphlet and the Director's speech of 14 April. I also suggested she check with the House Appropriations Committee for testimony which was released on the DIA budget.

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25X1A 1. [] Called Representative Charles Bennett as follow-up to my earlier meeting with him regarding a public denial of allegations that the Agency is involved in assassination. (See Journals of 20 and 21 April 1971.) I told Mr. Bennett the Director had considered the problem further but remained of the opinion that little could be accomplished by any sort of public statement at this stage. Mr. Bennett said he appreciated our position but personally felt that not only the Agency but the country was paying a heavy price for allowing suspicions on this matter to persist. I said the Committee was already in possession of the Director's denial that we were engaging in assassinations and we would of course defer to the Committee judgment as to whether, and if so how, this information might be used in public. Mr. Bennett said a majority of the Committee did not share his view and therefore it was unrealistic to think the Committee would take any action. He added the problem was one for the Agency, or at least someone in the Executive Branch, perhaps in the White House, to determine. I said I would report our conversation to the Director, and Mr. Bennett said he didn't know what he would do, that he had a lot of other problems to worry about but he was still very worried about this one. I thanked him for his concern.

25X1A 2. [] Called William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, to ask him when he would be available to meet with Colonel White, Mr. Tweedy and me preparatory to the Director's appearance before the "Intelligence" Subcommittee of Senate Appropriations Committee in mid-May in connection with the community budget. Woodruff said he would not be available this week and would call us next week to make a date. In response to my question, he said he didn't know whether the Chairman visualized the Director appearing jointly with the Directors of DIA and NSA but Woodruff would favor this if it would help accomplish the purpose of the meeting.

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25X1A 4. [] [] called to say he had 25X1A met with Representative G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery (D, Miss.) socially over the weekend. Montgomery, who has just returned from Vietnam, spoke critically of Agency activities in Vietnam.

25X1A 5. [] Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and talked with him about the letter the Director had received from GAO asking the Agency to assist the Department of Defense by providing GAO with information on the cost of Soviet military research and development programs. This would be included in a study on U.S. and Soviet R&D expenditures which GAO is undertaking at the request of Senator McIntyre's Subcommittee on Research and Development. Braswell seemed favorably disposed toward my suggestion that DOD and CIA provide this material directly to the Subcommittee, thus eliminating GAO as a middleman. Braswell said he would look into this and be back in touch with me.

I advised Braswell that the Agency investment program had reached the point where we were now asking for an expression of interest from Agency employees and expected to implement the program shortly. Braswell appeared to have no difficulty with this and, in fact, gave the impression he thought it was a good idea.

I told Braswell we were preparing summary views on S.J. Res. 83 in response to the Committee's request. This is a bill by Senator Proxmire to establish a commission to review expenditures involved in interdiction bombing in Southeast Asia. Braswell said there was no press on this at the moment, but they would like our views.

25X1A 6. [] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and told him of my conversation with Ed Braswell about the study on U.S. and Soviet R&D expenditures. Woodruff also agreed that we should try to deal directly with McIntyre's Subcommittee on this and eliminate GAO.

I briefed Woodruff on the status of our employee investment plan and told him we were about to implement this if there was sufficient employee interest. Woodruff expressed no reservation.

Woodruff said that at the conclusion of the current briefings from the Department of Defense the Chairman would want the Director, DIA, and NSA to come up jointly for several days of hearings on the intelligence community budget. He said he expected this would be some time around 15 May.

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5. [] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, whom I briefed on Soviet ICBM deployment, ABM developments; ChiCom nuclear facilities; surface-to-air installations in Egypt; and Soviet "Salyut" launch.

I explained to Woodruff our plans for a solution to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. He said he could not predict Senator Ellender's reaction to such a proposal, but at least initially it would probably be unfavorable. Woodruff offered his personal advice that the Agency should not use up its limited capital with Senator Ellender in order to save the Radios--that we 'might need it more later.'

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6. [] Talked to Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who said they would like to schedule the Director to appear before Senator Frank Church's Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs to discuss U.S. policies and programs [] on Tuesday or Wednesday, 4 or 5 May. Holt said that they would particularly like to make sure that

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questions to him if he so desired. I told Holt we wanted to be helpful but this was something we just couldn't do. As an alternative, I suggested he provide us with questions before the hearing on which we would be sure to get the benefit of any input [] could provide before appearing. Holt said he thought this might work if we would be sure our answers to these questions were in no way coordinated with State or Defense. I said he could be sure our answers would be our own. He said he would try to get the Committee's approval in arranging this but could not make any commitment in advance.

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7. [] Called John Martiny, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, to say that we had sent over a letter to Chairman Hanley, Employee Benefits Subcommittee, indicating our concern about legislation before his Subcommittee similar to the Ervin bill and suggesting that he note this letter and let us know when it would be possible for us to meet with him (Martiny) and Chairman Hanley to discuss our problem in more detail. He said hearings were already scheduled and he would be in touch with us shortly.

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25X1A 1. [] Called Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and said the Director would be happy if Senator Young (R., N. Dak.) or some other member of the Committee cared to insert his speech to the newspaper editors in the Congressional Record.

I called Woodruff's attention to some of the activities of Representative Paul McCloskey (R., Calif.) in Saigon and Vientiane which he is currently visiting.

I told Woodruff we were still trying to find a solution to the problem of our Radios, and after another round in the Executive Branch with the State Department and OMB we would like to sit down early next week with him and Ralph Preston, of the House Appropriations Committee staff, to further explore possible solutions.

2. [] Received a call from Mrs. Gwen Strand, in the office of Representative Ogden R. Reid (R., N. Y.), 25X1A who requested if possible a copy of the Defense Department and CIA study on Vietnam pacification that was referenced in the New York Times on April 7. They're particularly interest in the section of the report relating to women and children. I told her I would try to identify the report and be back in touch with her.

3. [] Met with Mr. Russ Blandford, 25X1A Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who asked to pass his compliments to Mr. Helms on the excellence on his address before the American Society of Newspaper Editors. Mr. Blandford also noted that in his opinion the press coverage and comment was very good.

4. [] In response to a request from 25X1A Mr. Johnson, in the office of Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.); delivered to him a mimeograph copy of the Director's address to the newspaper editors to Representative Harrington's office.

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25X1A 5. [] Met with Morella Hansen, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and discussed briefly Committee staff assignments on the Arms Control, International Law and Organization Subcommittee. Miss Hansen gave me a copy of the April 1971 Committee staff assignments.

25X1A 6. [] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and received back from him the three copies of the transcript of the Director's testimony of 25 March. The transcripts will be retained in the Agency for safe-keeping.

25X1A 7. [] [] FE Division, called and reported on his talk with Mr. Joseph Wolf, State Department, about the upcoming travel to Southeast Asia of Messrs. Lowenstein and Moose, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff. [] sent us a cable on the trip and it was agreed we would get together on an Agency instruction to the field when [] receives a response from the Director on the matter of Lowenstein and Moose visiting []. 25X1A 25X1A

25X1A 8. [] Talked with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and informed him of Chairman Mahon's position on the Radios to the effect that he would not consider budgeting for the Radios for the next fiscal year. (See [] Memo for Record.) Woodruff commented that it was possible that Chairmen Ellender and Mahon would send the Director a letter on this. 25X1A

I took this opportunity to brief Woodruff on the problems which are being encountered by all country team members in areas which Representative Paul McCloskey is visiting. I also advised Woodruff of the letter the Director has received from Senator George McGovern on the subject of illegal drug traffic in Laos.

Woodruff offered to ask Senator Young to place in the Congressional Record the Director's speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors yesterday. I later learned that Senator Stennis was putting the speech in the Record and sending the Director a letter about it. I advised Woodruff of this and he said he would drop the matter. I thanked him for his consideration however.

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